

Prof. Frazer announced the death of Prof. Edward H. Courtenay, a member of this Society, of the University of Virginia, and formerly of the University of Pennsylvania,—who died Dec. 20, 1853: And,

On motion of Dr. Dunglison, Prof. A. Dallas Bache was requested to prepare an obituary notice of Prof. Courtenay.

*Stated Meeting, January 20.*

Judge KANE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Present, twenty-eight members.

A communication addressed to the Society, and signed A. Balbo, was read and referred to the Secretaries to take order on the subject.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Mémoires de l'Académie Impériale des Sciences de St. Petersburg:

VI. Série. Sciences Mathématiques, Physiques et Naturelles.

Tome VII. Première Partie. Sci. Math. et Phys. Tome V. 5 et 6 livraison. St. Petersburg. 4to.—*From the Academy.*

Quarterly Journal of the Chemical Society. Vol. VI. No. 3. Oct. 1853. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

The African Repository. Vol. XXIX. No. 12. Dec. 1853. Washington. 8vo.—*From the Am. Colonization Society.*

Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. XXVII. No. 1. Jan. 1854. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*

The American Journal of the Medical Sciences. No. LIII. New Series. Jan. 1854. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Dr. Isaac Hays, Editor.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. XII. No. 133. Jan. 1854. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*

A Biographical Notice of Daniel Drake, M.D., of Cincinnati, prepared by appointment of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. By Charles D. Meigs, M.D. Vice-President of the College. Read at the meeting, July, 1853. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Report of the Auditor General on the Finances of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the year ending Nov. 30, 1853. Harrisburg. 8vo.—*From M. W. Baldwin, Esq.*

Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the school year ending June 6, 1853. Harrisburg. 8vo.—*From the same.*

The Plough, the Loom and the Anvil. Vol. VII. No. 1. Jan. 1854. New York. 8vo.—*From the Editors.*

Dr. F. Bache announced the decease of Thomas G. Mower, M.D., U. S. A., a member of this Society, who died at New York, on the 7th ultimo, aged 62.

Dr. La Roche announced the death of Nathaniel A. Ware, a member of the Society.

Judge Kane informed the Society that intelligence had been received from the American Arctic Exploring Expedition, as late as to the end of July, at which time all was prosperous with them. He mentioned the fact that the astronomer attached to the party had detected an error of a full degree of longitude in the position of the coast of Greenland, as laid down in Graah's chart, and recorded by other observers.

About the first of August the party intended to divide near the coast:—one division to proceed with provisions for forty days, and with a boat which could be transported by land, to as remote a point as possible, where they would leave a depot of provisions to which they might return in the spring.

Mr. Trego was re-elected Librarian for the ensuing year.

The usual Standing Committees were appointed as follows:

*Finance*—Mr. Wagner, Mr. Justice, Mr. Fraley.

*Hall*—Judge Kane, Mr. F. Peale, Mr. Justice.

*Library*—Dr. Hays, Mr. Geo. Campbell, Mr. Ord.

*Publication*—Mr. Trego, Dr. Elwyn, Prof. Frazer.

The Secretaries reported that they had appointed Mr. Trego as Reporter of the Society for the ensuing year.

The Society then proceeded to ballot for candidates for membership.

The list of surviving members of the Society was read:—the number on the list on the first of January, 1854, was 362;—of whom 261 are resident in the United States, and 101 in foreign countries.

All other business having been concluded, the ballot boxes were opened by the presiding officer, and the following named gentlemen were declared to be duly elected members of the Society:

EDWARD STANLEY, F.R.S. of London.

JAMES PAGET, F.R.S. do.

SIR JOHN F. W. HERSCHELL, do.

DR. E. BROWN SEQUARD, of Paris.

JOHN H. B. LATROBE, of Baltimore.

CAPT. MONTGOMERY C. MEIGS, U. S. A., Washington.

BENJAMIN HALLOWELL, of Alexandria, Va.

GEORGE HARDING, of Philadelphia.

FRANCIS WEST, M.D. do.

FREDERICK A. GENTH, Ph. D. of Philadelphia.

COL. GEORGE A. M'CALL, do.

SAMUEL M. FELTON, do.

SAMUEL D. GROSS, M.D. of Louisville, Ken.

DR. CHARLES RENARD, of Moscow.

C. A. DOHRN, of Stettin.

REV. WM. BACON STEVENS, D.D. of Philadelphia.

*Stated Meeting, February 3.*

Present, sixteen members.

Dr. DUNGLISON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Mr. Felton, Dr. West and Col. M'Call, recently elected members, were presented and took their seats.

Letters were read:—

From John H. B. Latrobe, dated Baltimore, Jan. 22, 1854; from Benjamin Hallowell, dated Alexandria, Va., Jan. 23, 1854; from Capt. M. C. Meigs, dated Washington, 27th Jan. 1854; from Dr. Francis West, and from George Harding, dated Philadelphia, Jan. 30, 1854,—severally acknowledging the receipt of notice of their election as members of the Society.

From A. Balbo, inviting the members of the Society to be